

VIRGINIA: A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CENTER ON JULY 10, 2014 AT 6:00P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ERNEST L. BLOUNT, CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE, VICE-CHAIR
SUPERVISOR JOHN M. SEWARD
SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES
SUPERVISOR GIRON R. WOODEN, SR.

ALSO

PRESENT: MR. TYRONE W. FRANKLIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. WILLIAM HEFTY, COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blount. He informed that the work shop session was being held to further consider a request from the Surry County African-American Heritage Society for the use of County property. Mr. Franklin stated that the Board had heard the request at their June 5, 2014 meeting. The Heritage Society had requested that the County consider donating land, approximately 2 acres of property, in proximity to the County school facilities for the relocation of the New Design School. Additionally, the organization requested that the Board consider allowing the use of the vacant building adjacent to the Clerk of Circuit Court building known as the Old Jail. The Society plans to use this building to serve as its office, to store documents and historic items until a permanent building can be constructed.

A lengthy discussion took place covering concerns which had arisen as a result of previous use of County facilities by non-profit organizations. Mr. Franklin informed that the building in question was currently without any utility service (electrical, plumbing and HVAC) and would need extensive improvements to be used as a public space, and that it would need to have a lift installed in order to become ADA compliant. Mr. William Hefty, County Attorney, informed the Board regarding the necessity of scheduling a public hearing before entering into a lease and the pros and cons associated with the transfer of property as opposed to entering into a lease agreement.

Chairman Blount expressed a desire to have the Buildings & Grounds Committee evaluate all of the buildings in the Historic Courthouse area to determine the best course of action relative to demolition or renovation.

Following further discussion, Board members agreed to have Staff work with Mr. Hefty to develop a draft policy regarding the use of County facilities by private entities. Additionally, Staff will conduct an appraisal of the Old Jail

facility to determine what upgrades would be necessary for its use as a public space and what costs would be associated with those upgrades.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Blount asked for a brief recess prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Surry County Board of Supervisors at 7:00pm.